



TOWN OF HOPE DALE.

LIST OF PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED.

[Those marked with a * are given.]

WEEKLIES.

American Architect and Building News.*	Milford Daily News.*
American Gardening.	" Gazette.*
American Machinist.	" Journal (Daily and Weekly).*
Christian Alliance.*	Milford Times.*
Electrical World.	New England Homestead.
Frank Leslie's Illustrated.	Official Gazette.*
Garden and Forest.	Publishers' Weekly.
Harper's Bazar.	Scientific American.
" Round Table.	" Supple-
" Weekly.	ment.
Illustrated American.	Youth's Companion.
" London News.	

MONTHLIES.

American Advocate of Peace.*	Industrial Record.
Arena.	Library Bulletin.*
Art Interchange.	Ladies' Home Journal.
Atlantic.	McClure's Magazine.
Carpentry and Building.	Manifesto.*
Century.	Mechanics.
Cosmopolitan.	Munsey's.
Demorest's.	New England Magazine.
Educational Review.	Nineteenth Century.
Engineering.	North American Review.
Forum.	Pacific Banner.*
Foundry.*	Review of Reviews.
Frank Leslie's Popular Magazine.	St. Nicholas.
"	Scribner's.
Harper's Magazine.	Textile Record.*

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Clerk.

D. A. WESTCOTT.

Treasurer.

E. D. BANCROFT.

Collector.

E. S. STIMPSON.

Auditor.

A. A. MESSINGER.

Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Board of Health, and Fence Viewers.

F. M. DAY,

L. B. GASKILL,

E. A. DARLING.

Assessors.

3 Years—H. W. BRACKEN, 2 Years—Wm. BANCROFT,
1 Year—G. O. DRAPER.

School Committee.

3 Years—A. W. HAM, 2 Years—F. J. DUTCHER,
1 Year—ANNA M. BANCROFT.

Trustees of Library.

3 Years—TIMOTHY OSGOOD, 2 Years—F. H. FRENCH,
1 Year—M. J. BIGELOW.

Constables.

ROBERT ROSS,	ANTOINE MORIN,	S. A. ANDREW,
H. B. FISK,	A. F. FAIRBANKS,	G. H. COLE,
J. M. FRENCH,	CHARLES A. HOPKINS,	E. C. BARROWS.

Field Drivers.

S. MADDEN,	J. M. FRENCH,	FRANK GASKILL.
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Highway Surveyors.

3 Years—G. A. DRAPER,	2 Years—F. M. DAY,
1 Year—C. F. ROPER.	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.		Cr.
To orders drawn, viz:—	By appropriation, viz:—	
Teaching, Hopedale	\$3,441 39	\$6,000 00
Teaching, South Hopedale	399 88	725 00
Care, Hopedale	356 46	500 00
Care, South Hopedale	19 50	269 20 4
Fuel	1,007 24	416 67
Text books	619 20	12 43
Repairs	236 86	282 44
Supervision	500 00	
Incidentals	434 30	
Improvements	46 35	
Fire escape	254 27	
Heating	712 44	
Schoolhouse plans	177 85	
		\$8,205 74
		\$8,205 74

Balance overdrawn:		Balance unexpended:	
General	\$362 88	Heating	\$12 56
		Accommodations	67 88

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LIBRARY DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
To orders drawn, viz:—	
Books	\$668 25
Periodicals	152 45
Labor	328 55
Binding	120 91
Gas and water	70 86
Supplies	73 99
Sundries (See Trustees' report)	89 22
	\$1,504 23

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.

Cr.

To orders drawn, *viz.*—

Labor and material used in general repairs	\$3,209 58
Sundries (See Commissioners' report)	1,048 78
Drains	105 70
Watering	860 03
New street	7,881 36
Hopedale and Main streets	5,296 35
Balance	1,218 05

\$19,619 85

By appropriations, *viz.*—

General repairs	\$4,000 00
Surface drains	200 00
Watering	1,000 00
New street	8,000 00
Main and Hopedale streets	6,200 00
J. B. Bancroft	1 00 6
Charges to sundry parties for work done	218 85

\$19,619 85

Balance unexpended:—

Drains	\$ 94 30
Watering	139 97
New street	118 64
Hopedale and Main streets	903 65

SIDEWALK DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.

To orders drawn, viz:—

	Cr.
By appropriation	\$1,500 00
Charges to sundry parties for assessment on concrete	1,035 64
W. U. Telegraph Co.	10 00
Dutcher Temple Co.	84
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Amount unexpended	\$2,546 48
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	\$268 78

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

FIRE DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
To orders drawn, viz:—	
Pay of members	\$799 12
Fuel	8 48
Water	13 00
Lights	19 80
Hose	200 00
Sundries (See Engineers' report)	322 67
Painting	139 49
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	\$1,502 56
Balance overdrawn:—	
Painting	\$39 49
General appropriation	23 07
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	\$1,502 56

Poor Department in account with E. D. Bancroft, Treasurer.

Dr.		Cr.
To orders drawn, viz:—		
Insane	\$163 94	
Sundries (See Overseers' report)	656 25	
Balance	79 81	
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	\$900 00	
By appropriation		
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	\$900 00	
	\$79 81	

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State Aid in account with E. D. Bancroft, Treasurer.

Dr.		Cr.
To amount paid on orders and charged		
state, 1896 account	\$238 00	
By amount received from state, 1895 ac-		
count	.	
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	\$198 00	

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

INCIDENTAL DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.

To orders drawn, viz:—

Salaries:—

	Cr.		Cr.
Selectmen's clerk	\$ 50 00	By appropriation	\$1,600 00
Selectmen	200 00	Court fines	15 30
Treasurer	100 00	Balance	51 24
Town Clerk	50 00		
Collector	192 92		
Assessors	73 00		
Registrars	100 00		
Auditor	20 00		
Election officials	55 00		
	<hr/>	\$840 92	<hr/>
Stationery	8 15		
Legal services	200 00		
Printing	134 00		
Sundries (See Selectmen's report)	173 39		
Insurance	310 08		
	<hr/>	\$1,666 54	<hr/>
Balance overdrawn	\$51 24		

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Water Account.

Dr.	Cr.
To orders drawn	\$1,609 09
	By appropriation
	Unexpended balance

Mendon Records.

To orders drawn	\$300 00
	By appropriation
	\$300 00

Street Lights Account.

To orders drawn	\$1,462 12
	By appropriation
	Unexpended balance

Interest Account.

To orders drawn	\$288 21
	By appropriation
	178 01 Interest bank deposit
	\$466 22
	Balance unexpended
	\$178 01

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS—Continued.

Decoration Day Account.

Dr.	Cr.
To orders drawn	\$50 00 | By appropriation
	. . . . . \$50 00
	<i>Town Hall Account.</i>
To orders drawn	\$1,174 41 By appropriation
Balance	114 59 Cash from 1896 rents
 789.00 12
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	\$1,289 00 Balance unexpended
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	<i>State and County Tax Account.</i>
To state tax	\$1,820 00 By appropriation
County tax	3,034 00 Balance
 854 00
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	\$4,854 00 Balance overdrawn
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	\$854 00

CEMETERY TRUST in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
Balance to new account	\$1,864 00
	By balance from last account
Mary J. Jacques account, Lot No. 11	100 00
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	\$1,864 00
New account:—	
Burlingame lot	\$100 00
S. M. Whipple	100 00
Sally Whipple	100 00
Margery Humphrey	250 00
J. B. Bancroft	500 00
F. J. and G. M. Dutcher	150 00
S. B. Holbrook	100 00
L. H. Ballou	200 00
A.T. Field account, Thwing lot	150 00
Mary Draper	14 00
P. W. Moody account, lot 45	50 00
W. G. Comstock	50 00
Mary J. Jacques	100 00
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	\$1,864 00

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

CORPORATION AND BANK TAX in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.		Cr.
To corporation tax, 1895 account	\$ 290 51	By cash, 1895 account
Corporation tax, 1896 account	15,390 46	Cash, 1896 account, corporation
Bank tax, 1896 account	2,688 01	Cash, 1896 account, bank
		Balance
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		\$18,368 98
To amount unpaid, 1896 account		\$731 36

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS CHARGED SUNDAY PARTIES.

UNPAID Dec. 31, 1896.

State of Massachusetts, state aid	.	.	.	.	.	\$238 90
State of Massachusetts, corporation tax, 1896 account	.	.	.	.	.	731 36
D. A. Westcott, 1895 account, highways	.	.	.	.	.	4 93
D. Patrick, 1895 account, sidewalks	.	.	.	.	.	21 90
G. M. Burgess, 1895 account, sidewalks	.	.	.	.	.	24 80
M. Gaffney, 1895 account,	"	.	.	.	.	22 00
H. L. Patrick, 1896 account, sidewalks and highways	.	.	.	.	.	73 05
A. Morin, 1896 account,	"	"	.	.	.	9 00
A. B. Edmands, 1896 account	"	"	.	.	.	27 00
L. Lowell, 1896, Town Hall account	.	.	.	.	.	29 00

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer, in account with TOWN OF HOPEDALE.

Dr.

To balance from old account, viz:—

Cemetery trust account \$1,764 00

Sundry accounts . 219 16

 ————— \$1,983 16

Cr.

By amounts paid:—

School department	.	.	\$8,205 74
Fire department	.	.	1,502 56
Poor department	.	.	820 19
State aid	.	.	238 00
Highway department	.	.	18,401 80
Sidewalk department	.	.	2,277 70
Library department	.	.	1,504 23
Water account	.	.	1,609 09
Street lights	.	.	1,462 12
Interest	.	.	288 21
Decoration Day	.	.	50 00
Town Hall	.	.	1,174 41
State and county tax	.	.	4,854 00
Incidentals	.	.	1,666 54
Borrowed money	.	.	20,500 00
Mendon records	.	.	300 00
Balance	.	.	2,652 63
	.	.	975 38

Incidental department	.	.	15	0
Interest on deposit	.	.	66	22
Town Hall	.	.	789	00
Fire department	.	.	40	00
Cemetery trust account	.	.	100	00
Borrowed money	.	.	20,500	00
Licenses	.	.	3	00
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			\$67,507	22
To balance to new account, viz:—				
Cemetery trust	.	.	\$1,864	00
Sundry items to general fund	.	.	788	63

To balance to new account, viz:—
 Cemetery trust \$1,864 00
 Sundry items to general fund 788 63

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS, CASH RECEIPTS,
AND BALANCES FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1896.

ACCOUNTS.	Appropriations.	Cash Receipts.	Amts. Unpaid.	Balances.	
				Dr.	Cr.
School department,	\$ 6,000 00	\$ 698 30		\$ 362 88	
School Heating,	725 00				\$ 12 56
School Accommodations,	500 00				67 88
Fire department,	1,100 00	40 00		23 07	
" " Hose,	200 00				
" " Painting,	100 00			39 49	
Poor department,	900 00				79 81
Highways:—					
General,	4,000 00	181 90	37 95	38 51	
Drains,	200 00				94 30
Watering,	1,000 00				139 97
New street,	8,000 00				118 64
Main and Hopedale streets,	6,200 00				903 65
Sidewalks,	1,500 00	975 38	71 10		268 78
Library,	1,300 00	204 23			
Street lights,	1,744 00				281 88
Interest,	400 00	66 22			178 01
Memorial Day,	50 00				
State and county tax,	4,000 00			854 00	
Incidentals,	1,600 00	15 30		51 24	
Water for fires,	1,780 00				170 91
Mendon records,	300 00				
Town Hall,	500 00	789 00	238 00		114 59
State aid,					
Total receipts for year				\$65,524 06	
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1896				1,983 16	
					\$67,507 22
Total cash expenditures on 1896 accounts					64,854 59
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1897					\$ 2,652 63

REPORT OF SELECTMEN For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1896.

INCIDENTALS.

By appropriation	.	.	.	\$1,600 00
To S. A. Andrew, services at polls	.	.	\$	4 00
S. A. Andrew, posting town warrants	.	.		6 00
George Draper & Sons, express paid and postage	.	.		3 15
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., tax blanks	.	.		3 00
A. F. Fairbanks, services before court, May	.	.		7 62
F. J. Bailey, burying dog	.	.		1 00
Hopedale Stable, carriage for assessors	.	.		6 00
George Draper & Sons, postage stamps	.	.		2 79
J. P. Ryan, labor on fire alarm	.	.		14 60
N. E. Gamewell Co., fire gong	.	.		30 00
Dr. R. C. Fish, return of births	.	.		1 75
George Draper & Sons, book for asses- sors	.	.		1 08
D. A. Westcott, insurance	.	.		310 08
A. F. Fairbanks, court services, Sept.	.	.		9 20
H. C. Snell, court services, Sept.	.	.		9 20
A. F. Fairbanks, court services, Oct.	.	.		18 40
J. M. French, police duty, July 4	.	.		2 00
George Draper & Sons, postage stamps	.	.		3 00
Robert Ross, police duty, July 4	.	.		3 00
D. A. Westcott, express, etc.	.	.		6 85
J. M. Wood, return of deaths	.	.		3 75
Fire Department, forest fires	.	.		40 00
Services at polls:—				
Lincoln Wright	.	.		3 00
S. A. Andrew	.	.		5 00

G. E. Stimpson	\$ 3 00
A. A. Messinger	5 00
G. H. Davis	3 00
F. B. Sweet	3 00
E. L. Chichester	3 00
S. A. Staples	5 00
F. H. French	5 00
D. F. O'Connell	3 00
W. H. Grayson	3 00
C. E. Pierce	5 00
G. P. Sheldon	3 00
W. F. Gaffney	3 00

Salaries:—

A. A. Messinger, Auditor	20 00
J. A. Taft, legal services	200 00
G. O. Draper, Assessor	25 00
Wm. Bancroft, Assessor	28 00
H. W. Bracken, Assessor	20 00
F. M. Day, Selectman	100 00
L. B. Gaskill, Selectman	50 00
E. A. Darling, Selectman	50 00
G. E. Stimpson, Clerk for Selectmen	50 00
W. H. Grayson, Registrar	25 00
H. F. Searles, Registrar	25 00
S. Staples, Registrar	25 00
D. A. Westcott, Town Clerk	75 00
E. D. Bancroft, Town Treasurer	100 00
E. S. Stimpson, Collector	192 92
Printing	134 00
Stationery	8 15
By court fines	\$15 30
Amount overdrawn	51 24
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	\$1,666 54
	\$1,666 54

STREET LIGHTS.

By appropriation	\$1,744 00
To Milford Electric Light & Power Co.	\$1,402 12

J. P. Ryan	\$ 18 00
Orrin Cook, chestnut poles	12 00
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co.	20 00
Road Commissioners	10 00
Unexpended balance	281 88
	————— \$1,744 00

TAXES.

By appropriation	\$4,000 00
To state tax	\$1,820 00
County tax	3,034 00
By amount overdrawn	854 00
	————— \$4,854 00 \$4,854 00

STATE AID.

By amount due from state	\$238 00
To Peter Moore	\$120 00
M. R. Hanley	72 00
F. L. Knox	18 00
Mrs. Josephine B. Mansfield	28 00
	————— \$238 00 \$238 00

DECORATION DAY.

By appropriation	\$50 00
To Post 22, G. A. R., Milford	\$50 00

WATER FOR FIRE PURPOSES.

By appropriation	\$1,780 00
To Milford Water Co.	\$1,609 09
Unexpended balance	170 91
	————— \$1,780 00 \$1,780 00

INTEREST.

By appropriation	\$400 00
To Hopedale Village Cemetery	\$106 59
Milford Savings Bank	181 62

By interest on deposit		\$66 22
To amount unexpended	\$178 01	
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	\$466 22	\$466 22

TOWN HALL.

By appropriation		\$500 00
To Hopedale Stable Co., coal, etc.	\$446 53	
Collyer Machine Co., piping	4 40	
H. L. Patrick, supplies	25	
L. A. Lamson, supplies	2 28	
T. E. Morse, painting	34 37	
L. Lowell, supplies	21 17	
Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies	30 52	
J. Hinman & Co., fire extinguishers	60 00	
Grafton & Upton R. R. Co., freight	40	
R. Varnam, carpenter work	10 00	
Hopedale Machine Co., plumbing, etc.	60 23	
C. L. Gorham & Co., tuning piano	2 50	
Eldredge & Beatty, glass, etc.	9 50	
Dutcher Temple Co., labor	1 90	
Milford Water Co.	32 92	
Milford Gas-Light Co.	107 48	
H. M. Bates, janitor	349 96	
By rent received		789 00
To unexpended balance	114 59	
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	\$1,289 00	\$1,289 00

SUMMARY.

DEPARTMENT.	Appropriation.	Due from State.	Cash Received.	Totals.	Expended.	Unexpended Balance.	Exceeded Appropriation.
Incidentals,	\$1,600		\$ 15 30	\$1,615 30	\$1,666 54		
Street Lights,	1,744			1,744 00	1,462 12	\$281 88	\$ 51 24
State Aid,		\$238		238 00	238 00		
Water for Fire Purposes,	1,780			1,780 00	1,609 09	170 91	
Memorial Day,	50			50 00	50 00		
Interest,	400		66 22	466 22	288 21	178 01	
State and County Taxes,	4,000			4,000 00	4,854 00		854 00
Town House,	500			1,289 00	1,174 41	114 59	
Mendon Records,	300			300 00	300 00		
				\$11,482 52	\$11,642 37	\$745 39	\$905 24

Total amount received	.	.	.	\$11,482 52
" expended	.	.	.	11,642 37
Amount overdrawn	.	.	.	159 85

APPRAISEMENT OF TOWN PROPERTY, JAN. 1, 1897.

Town House	.	.	.	\$35,000 00
Town House store fixtures	.	.	.	450 00
Schoolhouse, Hopedale street	.	.	.	5,000 00
Schoolhouse, South Hopedale	.	.	.	950 00
High School building	.	.	.	7,000 00
Wood land	.	.	.	500 00
Public Library	.	.	.	5,000 00
				\$53,900 00

Highway Property:—

Stone crusher and engine	.	.	.	\$900 00
Road scraper	.	.	.	40 00
Three snow plows	.	.	.	60 00
Small tools	.	.	.	150 00
Water cart	.	.	.	375 00
Eleven stand pipes	.	.	.	300 00
Road roller	.	.	.	175 00
				\$2,000 00

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT-MEN.

Memorial Day	\$ 50 00
Incidentals	1,600 00
Interest	450 00
Street lights	1,700 00
Support of poor	1,100 00
Water for hydrants	1,780 00
State and county tax	5,000 00
Town Hall	500 00

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. DAY,
L. B. GASKILL,
E. A. DARLING,
Selectmen.

**REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR
For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1896.**

By appropriation	\$900 00
To F. Lovely, South Hopedale	\$172 00
Westboro Insane Hospital, care of Esther Fiske	76 34
Medfield Insane Asylum, care of Esther Fiske	87 60
Town of Westboro, care of Lucius Fiske	156 75
Town of Milford, care of Curtis Claflin	156 00
Town of Milford, care of family of George D. Edmands	157 00
Support of Mrs. F. D. Montague	12 00
Dr. R. C. Fish, medical services for tramp	1 00
Cash for tramp	1 50
Unexpended balance	79 81
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	\$900 00 \$900 00

F. M. DAY,
L. B. GASKILL,
E. A. DARLING,
Overseers of Poor.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1896.

Five cases of measles, four of scarlet fever, and four of typhoid fever reported, and all received proper attention.

F. M. DAY,
L. B. GASKILL,
E. A. DARLING,
Board of Health.

REPORT OF FENCE VIEWERS, For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1896.

No complaint.

F. M. DAY,
L. B. GASKILL,
E. A. DARLING,
Fence Viewers.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

For 1896.

GENERAL REPAIRS.

	Dr.	Cr.
By appropriation		\$4,000 00
Work for outside parties		218 85
Lantern frame sold J. B. Bancroft		1 00
To labor	\$2,941 33	
Material	268 25	
Sundries:—		
Hopedale Stable	130 78	
Sherman Bros., bridges	83 74	
Charles A. Hill, iron fence	398 72	
Z. C. Field, boards, etc.	2 95	
Henry L. Patrick, shovels	7 60	
Ames Plow Co., road roller	210 82	
H. A. Barney	20 34	
Hopedale Machine Co., supplies	40 10	
Grafton & Upton railroad, freight	6 45	
Town of Milford, bridge at Whitin mill	26 03	
Hopedale Machine Co., fence at dam	98 20	
George E. Stimpson	11 20	
A. Morin	11 85	
Exceeded apro priation		38 51
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	\$4,258 36	\$4,258 36

SIDEWALKS.

	Dr.	Cr.
By appropriation		\$1,500 00
Work for outside parties and material		1,046 48

To labor	\$1,413 41
Material	627 44
Sundries:—	
Hopedale Stable	33 25
N. Y. Coal Tar and Chemical Co.	22 50
Hopedale Machine Co., fixing rail- ing	15 24
Clark Ellis & Sons	62 61
W. H. Manning, report	11 20
Union Snow Plow & Wagon Co., snow plow	40 00
Dutcher Temple Co.	2 05
Milford Electric Power Co.	50 00
Unexpended balance	268 78
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	\$2,546 48 \$2,546 48

WATERING.

By appropriation	\$1,000 00
To Hopedale Stable, running cart	\$397 55
Milford Water Co.	448 28
Adams Express Co.	25
Cornelius Callahan Co., hose, etc.	5 20
A. Morin, repairing cart	8 75
Unexpended balance	139 97
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	\$1,000 00 \$1,000 00

DRAINS.

By appropriation	\$200 00
To Williams Bros., cement	\$ 2 70
G. Cenedella	103 00
Unexpended balance	94 30
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	\$200 00 \$200 00

HOPEDALE AND MAIN STREETS.

By appropriation	\$6,200 00
To J. P. Lyon, labor	\$ 14 81

Hopedale Machine Co., labor and material	.	.	\$ 8 05
G. Cenedella	.	.	4,082 43
K. S. Sweet, engineer	.	.	62 00
Gordon H. Taylor, engineer	.	.	82 50
Hopedale Stable, labor	.	.	31 50
Labor by department	.	.	744 46
Samuel Gaskill, gravel	.	.	222 30
M. E. Hall, "	.	.	20 80
G. A. Draper	.	.	25 95
Dutcher Temple Co., gravel	.	.	6 55
Unexpended balance	.	.	898 65

			\$6,200 00 \$6,200 00

NEW STREET.

By appropriation	.	.	\$8,000 00
To K. S. Sweet, engineer	.	.	\$218 85
Jas. Gaffney, labor	.	.	6 57
Hopedale Machine Co., labor and material	.	.	10 60
G. Cenedella	.	.	6,103 28
Gordon H. Taylor, engineer	.	.	64 50
Paul French, labor	.	.	22 87
C. E. Arnold, "	.	.	5 87
E. L. Walker, "	.	.	7 65
Grafton & Upton R. R., freight on stone	.	.	1,213 72
Mass. Broken Stone Co., stone	.	.	227 45
Unexpended balance	.	.	118 64

			\$8,000 00 \$8,000 00

SUMMARY.

DEPARTMENT.	Appropriation.	Credits for Outside Work.	Total Credits.	Unexpended Balance.	Exceeded Appropriation.
General repairs, Sidewalks, Drains, Hopedale and Main streets, New street, Watering,	\$ 4,000 00 1,500 00 200 00 6,200 00 8,000 00 1,000 00	\$ 218 85 1,046 48 200 00 6,200 00 8,000 00 1,000 00	\$ 4,219 85 2,546 48 200 00 6,200 00 8,000 00 1,000 00	\$ 268 78 94 30 898 65 118 64 139 97	\$38 51
TOTALS.	\$20,900 00	\$1,265 33	\$22,166 33	\$1,520 34	\$38 51

The General Repairs account shows that the amount appropriated has been overdrawn. The reason for this is that we were obliged to pay \$398.72 for an iron fence on Adin street which was built in 1895; the work not being satisfactory, the bill was not approved until 1896. We have also bought a road roller at an expense of \$210.82. Neither of these items was anticipated in asking for the appropriation.

CHARLES F. ROPER,
GEO. A. DRAPER,
F. M. DAY,
Road Commissioners, Town of Hopedale.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS OF HOPEDALE
FIRE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER
31, 1896, GIVING A LIST AND VALUE OF PROPERTY,
NAMES OF MEMBERS, AND NUMBER OF FIRES.

PROPERTY.

One hose house	.	.	.	\$1,600 00
One hose wagon	.	.	.	375 00
One hose wagon	.	.	.	100 00
One hook and ladder truck, with ladders	.	.	.	300 00
2850 ft. hose (2150 ft. in good condition; 700 ft. unreliable)	.	.	.	750 00
Arrow-gun and fire escape	.	.	.	25 00
Three harnesses, shovels, etc.	.	.	.	50 00
Fire alarm telegraph complete	.	.	.	1,600 00
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Total	.	.	.	\$4,800 00

HYDRANTS.

Thirty-two hydrants, located as follows:—

Seven on Hopedale street.

Four on Adin street.

One on Main street.

Four on Dutcher street.

Four on Union street.

Four on Freedom street.

One in yard of Hopedale Machine Co.

One at counting-room.

One near High School.

Two on Prospect street.

One in yard back of foundry.

Two on Union street extension.

ENGINEERS.

Charles E. Pierce, Chief. A. W. Westcott, 1st Assistant.
 Frank L. Andrew, Clerk and Treasurer.

MEMBERS.

HOSE 2.

W. H. French, Foreman,	G. Hamant, Clerk and Treas.,
T. Gaffney, 1st Assistant,	E. Smith,
F. Crawford, 2nd Assistant,	W. Dougherty.

HOSE 3.

S. E. Kellogg, Foreman,	J. E. Andrew,
J. P. Durgin, 1st Assistant,	T. F. Mathews,
C. L. Whitney, 2nd Assistant,	R. H. Owens,
E. S. Adams, Clerk and Treas.,	J. J. Wehinger,
T. F. Coyne,	J. B. Chapin,
E. H. Ingram,	Paysan Leavitt.
W. N. Draper,	

PAY OF MEMBERS, ENGINEERS, AND INCIDENTALS.

By appropriation	\$1,100 00
Order from incidental dept., forest fires,	40 00
To pay of members	\$542 00
Poll tax of members and engineers	43 12
Pay of engineers	84 00
Robert Ross, fire police	20 00
H. E. Brown, steward	50 00
Weed Bros.' & Lent, repairs on hose house	19 73
Hopedale Stable, wood and coal	8 48
Hopedale Stable, horses and teams at fires and carting merchandise	68 86
Milford Light and Power Co., labor on line	14 31
Milford Gas Light Co.	19 80
Milford Water Co.	13 00
F. L. Andrew, pay of extra men at fires	8 00
Grafton & Upton R. R., freight	2 83
Otis Whitney & Son, labor at hose house, fitting up room	50 00

N. E. Gamewell Co., supplies for fire alarm system	\$62 20
F. L. Andrew, sundries	5 35
F. L. Andrew, pay of men at brush fires as per bills	27 25
C. E. Pierce, cleaning snow from hydrants	1 50
Hopedale Machine Co., one bottle polish	50
Lucius Lowell, sundries	1 15
H. E. Brown, sundries	5 01
H. E. Brown, care of fire alarm	60 00
Otis Whitney and Son, material for repairs at hose house	16 34
Hopedale Machine Co., labor at hose house	40
W. L. Bennett, paper for papering hose house	8 54
Cornelius Callahan Co., Holloway Ext. bottles	4 50
H. L. Patrick, 112 lbs. bi-car. soda.	3 36
M. L. Clark, sundries	1 24
C. E. Scates, labor at hose house	2 50
Cornelius Callahan Co., 50 ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ rubber hose	4 00
H. E. Brown, sundries	2 10
Hopedale Machine Co., labor for Dept.	2 27
J. P. Ryan, repairing fire alarm line	2 30
Hopedale Machine Co., vitriol	55
H. E. Brown, sundries	1 08
H. H. Esterbrook, one copy Mass. Fire Laws	1 00
Hopedale Mach. Co., setting window light at hose house	50
Clark Ellis & Sons, repairing water pipes at hose house	5 30
	————— \$1,163 07
By special appropriation for hose	\$200 00
By special appropriation, painting hose house	100 00
Exceeded that appropriation	39 49

RECAPITULATION.

By appropriation	\$1,100 00
Order from Incidental Dept.	40 00
To pay of members and engineers	\$799 12
Incidentals	363 95
Exceeded appropriation	23 07

	\$1,163 07 \$1,163 07
Special appropriation for hose	\$200 00
Special appropriation for painting building	\$100 00

NUMBER OF FIRES.

- April 10.—Brush fire on land of G. O. Draper.
 April 13.—Brush fire on land of S. Madden.
 April 15.—Brush fire back of cemetery.
 April 16.—Brush fire back of cemetery.
 April 27.—Brush fire on land of D. Nelson.
 July 5.—Alarm of fire from Box 26 at a house occupied by Mrs. Jourdan.
 July 28.—Barn burned at South Hopedale, owned by Edmund Barrows.
 Oct. 19.—Alarm of fire from Box 53, at house occupied by Mrs. Mary Moore.
 May 16.—Brush fire near Salt Box.
 Aug. 14.—Fire in Elastic Goods Co.'s mill.
 Nov. 3.—Brush fire on land of F. J. Dutcher.

LOCATION OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

- Box 25.—Hopedale Machine Co.'s yard.
 Box 26.—Union street, near Hopedale Stable.
 Box 38.—Corner Freedom and Dutcher streets.
 Box 45.—West of dam on Freedom street.
 Box 53.—Corner of Adin and Hopedale streets.
 Box 57.—Adin street, near E. S. Draper's.
 Box 62.—Corner of Main and Hopedale streets. (Four corners.)
 Box 64.—Westcott's Mills.
 Names of keyholders found at boxes.

For 1897 we would recommend an appropriation of \$1150,
the \$50 to be included for forest fire-wardens.

All equipments of the department are in good working
order.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. E. PIERCE,

A. W. WESTCOTT,

F. L. ANDREW,

Board of Engineers, Hopedale Fire Department.

ASSESSORS' REPORT FOR 1896.

Valuation of real estate, excluding land	\$668,525 00
Valuation of real estate, excluding buildings	229,235 00
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Total valuation of real es- tate	\$ 897,760 00
Total valuation of personal estate	1,370,925 00
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Total valuation	\$2,268,685 00
Increase over 1895	\$317,231 20
Tax rate per \$1,000	\$10 00
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Tax on property	\$22,686 85
Number of polls taxed	580
Tax on each	\$ 2 00
Tax on polls	\$1,160 00 1,160 00
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Total tax	\$23,846 85
Exemptions and abate- ments	71 30
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	\$23,775 55
Bank tax	2,688 01
Corporation tax	15,390 46
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Available tax	\$41,854 02
Increase over 1895	\$3,505 68
Number of persons assessed	676
Number of persons assessed on property	208
Number of persons assessed for poll tax only	469
Number of polls assessed	581

Number of horses assessed	.	.	.	152
Number of cows assessed	.	.	.	93
Number of neat cattle assessed	.	.	.	10
Number of swine assessed	.	.	.	12
Number of dwelling-houses	.	.	.	246
Acres of land assessed	.	.	.	3,040
Population	.	.	.	1,531
Increase of population over last year	.	.	.	202

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Concisely stated, the Town real estate is largely held by the following groups:—

		Value.	No. of Acres.
The four corporations	.	\$352,405 00	324
George Draper & Sons (Firm and members)	.	169,380 00	433
Non-residents	.	39,180 00	607
The Bancroft family	.	35,650 00	59
A. A. Westcott & Sons (Firm and members)	.	33,225 00	81
The Gaskill family	.	31,275 00	698
The Patrick family	.	31,175 00	109
The Dutcher family	.	26,050 00	30
The Walker estate	.	16,730 00	87
		\$735,070 00	2,428

About 81 per cent of the total value, and 80 per cent of the total acreage.

The land in the Town has a taxed value ranging from \$10 to \$3000 per acre, and averaging \$75 per acre as a whole.

The ten largest owners of taxed real estate are as follows:—

Hopedale Machine Co.	.	\$216,025 00
Dutcher Temple Co.	.	68,880 00
George A. Draper	.	50,020 00
Hopedale Elastic Goods Co.	.	37,600 00
Eben S. Draper	.	32,900 00
William F. Draper	.	32,590 00

Hopedale Machine Screw Co.	.	\$29,900 00
Henry L. Patrick	.	26,475 00
F. J. and G. M. Dutcher	.	26,050 00
Samuel Gaskill	.	21,225 00
		\$541,665 00

About 60 per cent of the whole.

The ten largest owners of locally taxed personal property are as follows:—

William F. Draper	.	\$393,500 00
Eben S. Draper	.	274,875 00
George A. Draper	.	226,725 00
George Draper & Sons	.	80,000 00
Mrs. C. H. Colburn	.	51,150 00
William F. Draper, jr.	.	50,000 00
Mrs. E. L. Osgood	.	44,900 00
Joseph B. Bancroft	.	43,255 00
Hopedale Machine Co.	.	30,000 00
George Otis Draper	.	24,600 00
		\$1,219,005 00

About 89 per cent of the whole.

List of those directly and indirectly credited with paying over one hundred dollars tax. Corporation and bank taxes are included, and proportioned with relation to the individual holdings, calling all stock as equal in proportion of state tax. No sums in this table are down twice. This does not show the whole actual personal taxes, therefore. To do so would require a division of the four corporations' direct taxes in proportion to the amounts of stock in each held by Hopedale parties.

Wm. F. Draper	.	\$10,600 00
Eben S. Draper	.	5,950 00
George A. Draper	.	5,660 00
Hopedale Machine Co. (direct)	.	2,460 25
Mrs. Edward L. Osgood	.	2,180 00
Mrs. Charles H. Colburn	.	1,910 00
Frank J. and G. M. Dutcher	.	1,430 00
Joseph B. Bancroft	.	1,400 00
Dutcher Temple Co. (direct)	.	788 80

George Otis Draper	\$760 00
William F. Draper, jr.	740 00
Eben D. Bancroft	680 00
Hopedale Elastic Goods Co. (direct)	576 00
Hopedale Machine ScrewCo.(direct)	499 00
Henry L. Patrick	390 00
Samuel Gaskill	340 00
Estate of Samuel Walker	300 00
Asa A. Westcott	244 00
Charles F. Roper	220 00
Hamblet B. Fisk	160 00
William Welch	160 00
George W. Knight	150 00
Delano Patrick	140 00
F. M. Day	103 00
James H. Northrop	100 00
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	\$37,941 05

About 90 per cent of the available tax.

In the report of last year it might have been well to compare figures with those of the first Town Report, as it marked the tenth year of the Town's existence.

Going back now and taking last year's report as a basis, it is found that during the first ten years the Town's real estate has increased in value sixty-six per cent. Its locally taxed personal estate has increased four hundred and eighty-six per cent. The total locally taxed property has increased one hundred and eighty per cent.

As the population for the ten years has only increased forty-three per cent, the above showing is thought to be better than has ever been recorded, in this state at least, during a similar length of time.

GEORGE OTIS DRAPER,
WILLIAM BANCROFT,
HOWARD W. BRACKEN,
Board of Assessors.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

	1894.	DR.	CR.
To uncollected taxes		\$44 00	
By taxes abated			\$44 00
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		\$44 00	\$44 00
1895.			
To uncollected taxes		\$103 20	
Interest		30	
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, Treas.			\$24 80
By uncollected taxes		78 70	
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		\$103 50	\$103 50
1895.			
Uncollected betterments		\$854 58	
Interest		1 52	
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, Treas.			\$856 10
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		\$856 10	\$856 10
1896.			
To taxes committed for collection	\$23,846 85		
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, Treas.		\$22,934 27	
Exempt		70 80	
Discount		451 47	
Abated		50	
Unpaid		389 81	
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		\$23,846 85	\$23,846 85

1896.

Betterments committed for collection	\$238 35
Interest	23 42
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, Treas.	\$261 77

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E. S. STIMPSON,

Collector.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

The attention of the Town officials is called to Art. IV., Sec. 3, of the Town By-Laws, which states that—

"All Town officers shall make their annual reports on or before the FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY in each year."

Twenty intentions of marriage have been recorded. Thirty of the contracting parties were residents of Hopedale.

Twenty-four births have been recorded; 12 male, 12 female. Eight had fathers of foreign birth; 7 had mothers of foreign birth.

Twenty-two marriages have been recorded; second marriage of seven, third marriage of one. Six of the ceremonies were performed by Rev. L. G. Wilson, one by D. A. Westcott, justice of the peace.

Twenty-two deaths have been recorded; 13 male, 9 female. Three were of foreign birth.

Ninety-one dog licenses were granted; 85 male, 6 female. \$181.80 was paid E. A. Brown, County Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. WESTCOTT,
Town Clerk.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The disbursements of the Town of Hopedale through its several departments for the year 1896 are covered by receipts and receipted bills for correct amounts, and the Treasurer's books show a proper balance between income and expenditure.

Respectfully submitted,

ADIN A. MESSINGER,
Auditor.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPE DALE,



MASSACHUSETTS.

1896.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ALBERT W. HAM, Chairman	.	.	.	1899
ANNA M. BANCROFT	.	.	.	1897
FRANK J. DUTCHER, Secretary	.	.	.	1898
ELMER E. SHERMAN, Superintendent.				
[Office hours Thursdays, 5.30 to 7.30.]				

TRUANT OFFICERS.

ALBERT W. HAM, **HENRY M. BATES,**
ELMER E. SHERMAN.

**AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CERTIFICATES FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN
THE AGES OF 13 AND 16.**

ELMER E. SHERMAN.

REPORT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

AVAILABLE FOR USE OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

General appropriation	\$6,000 00
Income from state school fund	269 20
Amount received from state for supervision, etc.	416 67
Supplies, etc., sold	12 43
	————— \$6,698 30

ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TOWN TREASURER.

Teaching:—

Hopedale, including high school	\$3,441 39
South Hopedale	399 88

Care of buildings:—

Hopedale	356 46
South Hopedale	19 50

Fuel:—

Hopedale	994 74
South Hopedale	12 50

Text-books and supplies

Repairs:—

Hopedale:—

Hopedale Machine Co., plumbing	4 05
Ralph Varnam, carpentry	2 25
Dutcher Temple Co., labor and supplies	56 32

South Hopedale:—

Dutcher Temple Co., painting and other labor and supplies	160 24
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Hopedale Stable, teams for men, etc.	\$ 14 00
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Supervision:—

Elmer E. Sherman, one third of salary	500 00
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Incidentals:—

Chandler Adj. Chair and Desk Co., desks	5 00
R. Folger, rubber stamps	35
American School Board Journal, pa- pers	4 00
E. E. Sherman, traveling expense	10 52
Hopedale post-office, stamps	7 50
Zeigler Electric Co., supplies	60
Cook & Sons, printing	6 00
Hopedale Machine Screw Co., appar- atus	1 55
Franklin Educational Co., apparatus	99 70
Hopedale Machine Co., telephone	2 60
L. A. Lamson, chemicals	18 85
R. Varnam, labor	3 75
Bausch & Lomb Optical Co., apparatus	20 89
Lucius Lowell, brooms, etc.	3 07
Heliotype Printing Co., printing	20 00
H. C. Kendall, filling diplomas	4 50
G. M. Billings, school reports	16 25
G. M. Billings, printing	25 58
Milford Water Co., water	40 80
Edwin D. Mead, address	25 00
Thomas & Wolcott, ribbon, etc.	2 00
Dutcher Temple Co., supplies	10 38
Thomas Groom & Co., printing	15 00
Frost & Adams, apparatus	4 65
Avery & Woodbury, shades	7 63
J. L. Hammett & Co., globes, maps, etc.	22 54
Grafton & Upton R. R. Co., freight	80
George S. Perry & Co., rubber stops	61

C. L. Gorham & Co., tuning pianos	\$ 4 00
Sherman Bros., labor	7 70
Hopedale Stable, carting	1 50
Clark Ellis & Sons, repairing smoke flues, and small supplies	40 98

Improvements:—

Hopedale:—	
Chandler Adj. Chair & Desk Co., school furniture	10 35
George S. Perry & Co., chairs	36 00
Balance overdrawn	\$362 88
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	\$7,061 18 \$7,061 18

The above report shows the general school appropriation to be overdrawn \$362.88. From this should be deducted \$317.67 for coal, paid to the Hopedale Stable, to be delivered as called for through this winter; the payment being made in this way to save the increased price usually charged for coal by all the local dealers later in the season.

The plan of placing our schools in charge of a Superintendent has now been tried for three years, and the Committee are unanimous in recommending that this policy be continued. We call attention to the report of the Superintendent, which shows in detail the character of the work being done in the schools.

After a full discussion of the question of increased accommodations for the children in the schools below the High School early last season, it was voted to do nothing in 1896 towards either building an addition to the present building, or commencing work on a new one. The Committee who had this matter in charge, were instructed to have a suitable fire escape placed on the present old building, and to have ready to present at a Town meeting early in 1897, a plan for a new eight-room brick building, such as they would recommend, together with estimates as to its cost. This will come before the Town in the form of a report from the special Committee in charge.

We recommend for the regular school work for the coming year an appropriation of \$6000, same as voted in 1896.

For School Committee,

FRANK J. DUTCHER,

Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF HOPEDALE:—

The third annual report of your Superintendent of Schools is hereby presented.

The statistics for the year 1896 include the following facts:—

Average membership of the schools	226.39
Average daily attendance	215.69
Per cent of attendance	95.27

The enrolment, membership and attendance summaries for 1896 vary but slightly from the figures of the preceding year. It is earnestly desired that teachers, pupils, and parents co-operate in securing regular and punctual attendance. We do well, but it is possible to do better. To quote from my last report: "Habits of punctuality and regular attendance are well worth the effort necessary to form them. Parents and teachers may feel that they are laying a foundation for future success when they insist upon a strict observance of these requirements."

In this connection I wish to call attention to a custom detrimental to the work of the pupil and to the class of which he is a member. I refer to the habit which some parents have of writing excuses for dismissal of the child during the school session, often for trivial reasons. School is the child's *business*. If he were paid in money for his work, a portion of which recompense he would lose by tardiness, dismissal, or non-attendance, would not these evils be reduced to the minimum which illness, bad weather, or other unavoidable causes render necessary? He is a wise parent who regards the value of his child's education above dollars and cents.

HOME STUDY.

A word of explanation may be needed in regard to the study which children above the primary grades are requested

to do at home. One object of such study is to train the child to work independently, and the teachers should assign home lessons, the principles of which have been taught in school.

The child brings what he has tried to do at home to the teacher for her to examine. If it be incorrectly done, the teacher then knows that the subject must be explained to the child more carefully. If, however, the child is helped at home to do the work, or worse still, if the work is done for him, this object of home-study is defeated; the child loses the strength which is developed in overcoming difficulties by his own effort, and the teacher cannot tell where he needs assistance.

If a child is asked to gather information about some subject upon which the parent is informed, the case is different, but in lessons especially assigned by the teachers for home work, it is expected that he will not be told at home just how to accomplish his task, or have the work done for him.

DISCIPLINE.

The discipline of our schools is an important attribute of our system of education. A person is educated who among other things has acquired the power of self-control, and while we train the judgment and enlarge the sympathy we must not neglect to develop, in so far as possible, habits of self-reliance and right action. We must strive to lead the child into that higher realm where he will realize the authority of right, and govern himself accordingly. So, only, can education contribute to the development of this nation along those lines on which our fathers wrought, and perpetuate that for which they sacrificed even life itself. In the hands of the teachers rests a grave responsibility. They should so govern that the action of the child is not repressed, but controlled and directed, until grade by grade the pupil relies less and less upon his teacher, and more and more upon himself. In our high schools the necessity of arbitrary control by the teacher should be reduced to a minimum, and the appeal to the youth's judgment that the teacher's ruling is founded upon right be alone sufficient to the good order of the school. That this ideal is in some measure attainable, a tour of our high schools will furnish ample proof.

That we do not more nearly realize our ideal may be, no doubt is, in part due to faulty work and imperfect systems, but it should be remembered that the child spends only one tenth of his time in the school, and the influences of the home, of the church, and alas, too often of the street, are at work moulding his character. When any of these fail to wisely supplement the school or are antagonistic to its work, then we labor against great odds, and often with discouraging results.

REPORTS.

Parents desire to be informed from time to time in regard to the standing of their children in the school work. To this end the teachers send home reports at the close of each quarter, stating the attendance, scholarship, and deportment of the pupils. In addition to this, there is a special form of report, a fac-simile of which is here given, which is sent to the parent at any time that the pupil's work is unsatisfactory in any study, or whenever his attendance or behavior is at fault:—

HOPEDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SPECIAL REPORT.

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The daily record of
is unsatisfactory in

Remarks : Teacher

Please sign and return.

The object of this report, in addition to the information conveyed to the parents, is to enlist their co-operation with the teacher in improving the condition of the pupil in the direction indicated by the report. Parents are expected to sign and return the reports, together with any comments or inquiries they may wish to make.

The principal of the High School is usually at the school building every afternoon, Friday excepted, at 2.30.

It is gratifying to note the genuine interest in their work

evinced by those pupils who voluntarily return in the afternoon for study or laboratory practice. There are occasionally pupils in the High School who for various reasons do not apply themselves to study, and consequently fall behind the class. Such pupils are required to return to the school building in the afternoon for study until the lost ground is recovered, and a blank similar to the one shown below is filled out by the teacher and sent to the parent:—

HOPEDALE HIGH SCHOOL.

On account of unfinished work in.....,

is required to return to the schoolhouse this afternoon.....at.....

In case illness or other reasonable cause prevents compliance with the above request, a written excuse on the back of this slip should accompany the pupil on his return to school.

Yours respectfully,

To.....

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

The teachers' meetings have been held frequently. On May 28, a joint meeting of the teachers in the district was held in Bellingham, and on September 25 the teachers attended an institute in Franklin.

The teachers' meetings held on alternate Thursdays at 3.30 p. m., in the Grammar room, are open to anyone, and visitors are welcome.

The Superintendent can usually be seen at his house on Thursdays from 5.30 to 7.30 p. m., whenever the schools are in session. Attention is called to the statistics, school laws, and roll of honor appended to this report.

I wish to thank the teachers for their faithful and enthusiastic labors, the Committee for cordial support, and the parents and friends for their sympathy and co-operation in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER E. SHERMAN,

Superintendent of Schools.

Educational Laws in Brief.

All children between 8 and 14, unless sick, feeble-minded, at an approved private school, or otherwise instructed in branches required by law, must attend the public schools 30 weeks each school year. They must begin with the first month of the fall term. Two weeks absence is allowed. Penalty for each five days excess, except for sickness, \$20.

Any child under 15 being an habitual truant or wandering about in the streets and public places, having no lawful employment or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to some institution provided for the purpose for a term not exceeding two years.

No child under 13 can be employed "at any time in any factory, workshop, or mercantile establishment."

No child between 13 and 14 can be employed until he has attended school 30 weeks of the school year.

No child under 16 can be employed without a certificate from the Superintendent of Schools.

A child under 14 must present an employment ticket on applying for a certificate.

The father, if living and a resident, must accompany the child, to sign the certificate of age; if not, the mother; if neither father nor mother, the guardian.

Proof of correct age must be furnished if the age certificate does not agree with the school census.

Children must be vaccinated before attending school, but a certificate from a regular physician, saying a child is an unfit subject for vaccination, allows attendance.

No child can attend school from a household in which there is a case of small pox, diphtheria or scarlet fever. Two weeks after the death, recovery, or removal of the patient, the child may return on presentation of a certificate from the attending physician or board of health.

"The last regular session prior to Memorial Day, or a portion thereof, shall be devoted to exercises of a patriotic nature."

A United States flag not less than four feet in length shall be displayed on the schoolhouse grounds or building every school day, when the weather will permit, and on the inside of the schoolhouse on other school days.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

ENROLMENT AND ATTENDANCE, 1896.	SUMMARY.						
	GRADE I.	GRADE II.	GRADE III.	GRADE IV.	GRADE V.	GRADE VI.	GRADE VII.
Total Enrolment							
Number under 5 years of age							298.
Number between 5 and 8 years of age						0.	
Number between 8 and 14 years of age						90.	
Number between 14 and 15 years of age						149.	
Number over 15 years of age						25.	
Average number belonging	24.49	23.36	23.02	20.64	22.67	16.43	15.38
Average daily attendance	22.88	22.12	22.	19.64	21.45	15.84	14.83
Per cent of attendance	93.42	94.69	95.57	95.16	94.61	96.37	96.72
Total half-days' absence	582.	446.	369.	361.	404.	241.	220.
Number of cases of tardiness	28.	17.	12.	5.	9.	7.	5.
Number of cases of dismissal	7.	9.	17.	35.	80.	46.	45.
Number of cases of truancy	0.	2.	0.	2.	3.	0.	0.
Number of cases of corporal punishment	0.	0.	0.	0.	2.	2.	1.
Number of visits by superintendent	21.	17.	19.	5.	26.	4.	1.
Number of visits by committee	4.	5.	118.	139.	132.	66.	42.
Number of visits by others	107.						
Number of inhabitants in town May 1, 1896	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,531
Number of children between the ages of 5 and 15, May 1, 1896	.	.	.	.	.	.	242
Number of children between the ages of 8 and 14, May 1, 1896	.	.	.	.	.	.	132
Per cent of children between 5 and 15 to total number of inhabitants	.	.	.	.	.	.	15.80

TEACHERS AND SALARIES.

TEACHERS.	WHERE FITTED.	Grades.	School Year.	Salaries
Harland H. Ryder.	Boston University. Bridgewater Normal School.	High.	40 wks.	\$1000 00
Harriet E. Kingsbury.	Bridgewater Normal School.	High and Drawing.	40 wks.	550 00
Harriet B. Sornborger.	Framingham Normal School.	7 and 8.	40 wks.	550 00
Ethel M. Stickney.	Framingham Normal School.	5 and 6.	36 wks.	360 00
Antoinette F. Batchelor.	Framingham Normal School.	3 and 4.	36 wks.	414 00
F. Maud Greenway.	Providence Normal School.	1 and 2.	36 wks.	378 00
Clara L. Thayer.	Framingham Normal School.	Mixed.	36 wks.	378 00
Mabel F. Andrew.	Hopedale High School.	Assistant	36 wks.	216 00
Susan E. Whitney.		Music.	40 wks.	142 50

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1897.

	WINTER TERM.		SPRING TERM.		FALL TERM.	
	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.
High School and Grades 7 and 8.	Jan. 4, '97	Mar. 26.	April 5.	June 25.	Sept. 7.	Dec. 24.
Other Grades.	Jan. 4, '97	Mar. 19.	April 5.	June 18.	Sept. 13.	Dec. 17.

Holidays during the terms:—

Washington's Birthday, Patriots' Day, Memorial Day,
Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Friday following.

**The Following Named Children Have Been
Neither Absent nor Tardy for the
Terms Specified.**

SIXTEEN TERMS.

Mary Ross—Grade VII.

EIGHT TERMS.

Charles Britten—Grade III.

SIX TERMS.

Roy Westcott—Grade VII.

FIVE TERMS.

Annie D. Knight, Daisy D. Dutcher—High School.

Ella Knight—Grade VI.

Edith Chichester—Grade V.

FOUR TERMS.

Flora Messinger, Roy F. Gaskill—Grade VII.

Charles Westcott—Grade VI.

Raymond McCleary—Grade V.

William H. Brown—Grade IV.

THREE TERMS.

John Gardner, Nellie D. O'Connell—High School.

Arthur Knight, Everett E. Phillips—Grade VII.

Samuel Kelly—Grade VI.

WINTER AND SPRING TERMS.

William H. Knight, Stella E. Clark, Ernest Draper—High School.

Edward E. Adams—Grade VII.

Walter L. Lowell, George R. Holmes—Grade V.
Irene Kellogg—Grade III.

WINTER AND FALL TERMS.

Arthur B. Edmands, Henry W. Westcott, Emma E. Barrows, Alice Northrop, Fred A. Osgood, Cora M. Patrick—High School.

Bessie Lord—Grade VII.

Clara Coyne—Grade VI.

George Kelly, Joyce M. Daniels—Grade IV.

Frank R. Blanchard—Grade II.

WINTER TERM.

Clarence E. Arnold, Sanford Cole, Eugene Muir, Evelyn Weeks—High School.

Eugene Steele, Martha Reid, Mary Ritchie—Grade VIII.

Bertie Adams—Grade VII.

Salome H. Vogel, Tiney Miller—Grade VI.

Warren Henry—Grade V.

Arthur Weeks, Olive Osgood, Lilla Weeks—Grade IV.

Frank Lord—Grade II.

SPRING AND FALL TERMS.

Albert W. Chilson, Charles S. Ross, Mabelle E. Hollis, Hester Westcott—High School.

Matilda M. Vogel—Grade VIII.

Minnie Northrop—Grade VII.

May Northrop, Ethelwyn Britten, Arthur Roper, Helen Sadler—Grade VI.

Mary E. Gaskill, Clayton W. Gaskill—Grade V.

Maria L. Gaskill, Ploomy O. Blake—Grade IV.

Pearl Whitney—Grade III.

SPRING TERM.

Ruth E. Downing, Lillian Bates, Gladys Knight—High School.

Fanny E. Edmands, Josie Ross—Grade VIII.

Edith Clark—Grade VII.

Jennie Gardner—Grade VI.
Ethel M. Sheldon—Grade V.
Earl T. Smith, Arthur E. Wood—Grade IV.
Alice Henry—Grade III.
George Simmons—Grade II.

FALL TERM.

Winfield S. Lapworth—High School.
Etta E. Green, Clarence Lapworth—Grade VIII.
George Gardner, Leon Hammond—Grade VII.
Bessie Smith, Harold Dudley, Eddie Simmons—Grade VI.
Lettie Davis, Ruth Dutcher, Ruth Henry, Mary Keeley,
Harry Webster—Grade V.
Hazel B. Dewing, William I. Blanchard, Edna Harris,
Maud Baker, Hector Baker, Harry Steele—Grade IV.
Alice Downing, Mary Drake, Edith Lowell, Hester Sher-
man, Renah Smith, Willard Henry, Roy Gaskill—Grade III.
Earl E. Dewing, Winfield M. Daniels—Grade II.

The following grades present a clean record in regard to marks for tardiness for the term stated:—

Winter Term. Grade VIII. and Grade IV.

Spring Term. Grade VIII. and Grade VII.

HOPEDALE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION. Class of 1896.

Wednesday Evening, June 17th, at 8 O'clock.

PROGRAMME.

Essay—"The Influence of Environment upon National Character,"	LUCY ELIZABETH DAY.	
Reading—"Des Djinns,"	AGNES MORIN.	Victor Hugo
Chorus—"The High School Bells,"	THE SCHOOL.	A. F. Loud
Essay—"The Birth of Worlds,"	EDWARD EUGENE SHELDON.	
Reading—"Herve Riel,"	GRACE ADAMS ANDREW.	Robert Browning
*Essay—" Scott and Dickens as Historical Novelists,"	HERBERT BAILEY GRAYSON.	
Vocal Waltzes—"Auf Wiedersehen,"	THE SCHOOL.	
Experimental Dissertation—"Ventilation,"	WILLIAM HORATIO KNIGHT.	
Essay—"The Rise of Mohammedanism,"	MARY MANVILLE CLARK.	
Address and Presentation of Diplomas,	EDWIN D. MEAD, Editor of the New England Magazine.	
*Excused.		

GRADUATING CLASS. ACADEMIC COURSE.

LUCY ELIZABETH DAY,	MARY MANVILLE CLARK,
WILLIAM HORATIO KNIGHT.	
ENGLISH COURSE.	
AGNES MORIN.	

CERTIFICATE.

PARTIAL ACADEMIC COURSE.

EDWARD EUGENE SHELDON.

PARTIAL ENGLISH COURSE.

GRACE ADAMS ANDREW,

HERBERT BAILEY GRAYSON.

*Motto: "Chacun selon sa force."**Color, Light Blue.**Flower, White Rose.*

Course of Studies in Hopedale High School.

FIRST YEAR.

Quarter.	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.
1.	Algebra 5*	General History 4.	Latin 5.	Bookkeeping 5.	Drawing 2.
2.	"	"	"	"	"
3.	"	"	"	"	"
4.	"	"	"	Commercial Law 5.	"

SECOND YEAR.

1.	Geometry 5.	English History 4.	Latin 5.	Civics 5.	Drawing 2.
2.	"	"	"	"	"
3.	"	English Literature 4.	"	Rhetoric 5.	"
4.	"	"	"	"	"

THIRD YEAR.

1.	Physics 5.	French 4.	Latin 5.	English Literature 5.	Drawing 2.
2.	"	"	"	"	"
3.	Chemistry 5.	"	"	"	"
4.	"	"	"	"	"

FOURTH YEAR.

1.	Zoology 4.	French 5.	Latin 5.	Economics 5.	Drawing 2.
2.	"	"	"	"	"
3.	Botany 4.	"	"	Astronomy 5.	"
4.	"	"	"	Geology 5.	"

The Academic Course consists of A, B, C, and E. Third Year A alternates with Fourth Year A.

The English Course consists of A, B, D, and E.

One period a week is devoted by each pupil to Rhetoricals and News of the Day.

General Exercises in Music, Gymnastics, Grammar School Branches, and Temperance Physiology are continued throughout the entire course.

*Figures after a subject indicate the number of recitation periods a week.

Report of Committee on Additional Heating and Ventilating Apparatus for Schoolhouses.

At the Town meeting in March, 1896, the sum of \$725 was appropriated to be expended by this Committee in completing the work which was substantially done at that time. From this has been paid \$712.44 to Mr. John W. Woods, this being the amount due him in full under the contract, and leaving an unexpended balance of \$12.56. As far as the Committee are aware, there has not been a school closed or a session shortened on account of cold weather, since this apparatus was completed, and whether the buildings continue to be used permanently or not, we feel that the money has been well expended.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. ROPER,
E. D. BANCROFT,
F. J. DUTCHER.

Special appropriation for heating contract,	\$725 00
Expenses: —	
John W. Woods, balance due,	\$712 44
Unexpended,	12 56
	————— \$725 00

Report of the Committee on Schoolhouse Plans and Fire Escape.

Under the appropriation of \$500, made in 1896, an iron fire escape has been applied to the north side of the Grammar School building, giving a second means of egress from all the rooms of the building in case of fire. This has cost \$254.27. There will be a small amount of work required inside of the building to render access to the balconies sufficiently easy.

For the preliminary plans of the new building submitted at the spring meeting, 1896, together with plans of addition to old building, an expense has been incurred of \$177.85. All the bills on this account have been settled, leaving an unexpended balance of \$67.88. It will be necessary to make an appropriation at the March meeting, 1897, to cover the plans now in process of preparation, this expense being necessary whether the Town votes to erect the building at present, or not.

For the Committee,

F. J. DUTCHER, Secretary.

Schoolhouse plans and fire escape appropriation, . . . \$500 00
Expenses:—

Preliminary plans of grammar school build-	
ing,	\$177 85
Fire escape for grammar school building,	254 27
Unexpended,	67 88
	————— \$500 00

Eleventh Annual Report

OF THE

Hopedale Public Library,

Hopedale, Massachusetts,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1896.

TRUSTEES.

TIMOTHY OSGOOD,	Chairman,	Term Expires March	1897
MYRON J. BIGELOW,	.	"	1898
FRANK H. FRENCH,	Secretary,	"	1899

LIBRARIAN.

FRANK H. FRENCH.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

MISS GEORGIENA BAILEY.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE Trustees of the Hopedale Public Library.

During 1895 the lack of funds at the disposal of the trustees prevented the addition of the usual number of new books, and in consequence the library was not maintained at its usual standard. The increased appropriation granted in 1896 has enabled the making up in a large degree what was lost the preceding year. The increased number of books taken out and visitors to the library show that the increase has been put to good use, and that it has been appreciated by those who use the library.

During the year just past, the number of volumes has been increased from 4940 to 5474. This does not include some books which did not arrive in time to admit accession during the last year. This makes in all 534 volumes, against 215 volumes for 1895. Many of the books have been books of reference, particularly valuable in connection with the work pursued in the public schools. More books were taken out in 1896 by 1500 than were taken out during 1895. The visitors to the library during 1896 numbered 9022, or about eight times the population of the town. This is about 500 more than were recorded during 1895. The number of card-holders has been increased from 1090 to 1199.

In the last annual report the trustees invited suggestions as to books that were necessary or would be helpful to any of the townspeople, and especially the school children. The invitation was accepted, and requests have been made for books, and in every case, except when the books asked for were out of print and could not be procured, the books asked for are in the library.

The reference department is still in need of more books.

The ground lost in 1895 has not been fully regained. In view of this the trustees recommend an appropriation of \$1300 and dog tax for the present year, in order to increase and maintain the efficiency of the library.

With the above statements and recommendations, together with the financial and book accounts, the report for 1896 is respectfully submitted.

TIMOTHY OSGOOD,
FRANK H. FRENCH,
MYRON J. BIGELOW,

Trustees.

Feb. 8, 1897.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts:—

Appropriation	\$1,300 00
Proceeds of dog tax	169 98
Fines	34 25

Expenditures:—

Books	\$668 25
Periodicals	152 45
Binding	120 91

Services:—

Miss Bailey	\$314 00
Miss Ross	14 55

	328 55

Supplies:—

F. H. French	\$10 50
G. M. Billings	12 50
Library bureau	50 99

	73 99

Lighting:—

Milford Gas Light Co.	70 86
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Sundries:—

Eldredge & Beatty, finishing floor	\$41 50
F. H. French, express, post- age, box rent, labor, etc.	27 44
C. A. Hill, changing gas fix- tures	6 48
H. M. Bates, removing, clean- ing and putting on screens	2 50
G. M. Billings, printing re- port	3 50
Hopedale Machine Co., labor	1 15
Milford Gas Light Co., re- pairing burners	6 65

	89 22

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LIBRARY STATISTICS.

The following lists show the number of books delivered for home use, and the number of visitors to the reading-room during 1895 and 1896:—

	Books Taken Out.		Visitors to Reading-Room.	
	1895.	1896.	1895.	1896.
January,	778	848	772	769
February,	741	893	766	823
March,	880	905	801	823
April,	701	718	838	611
May,	446	742	471	542
June,	512	705	488	558
July,	569	766	549	561
August,	608	872	612	730
September,	688	814	738	813
October,	825	875	836	964
November,	877	945	917	955
December,	804	886	735	873
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	8,429	9,969	8,523	9,022
			1895.	1896.
Card-holders,			1,090	1,199
Circulation,			8,429	9,969
Visitors to reading-room,			8,523	9,022
Volumes in library,			4,940	5,474
Fines, etc.,		\$29.15		\$34.25
Percentage of fiction,		76		79

GIFTS TO LIBRARY IN 1896.

	Vol.	Pam.	Per.
Adams, North, Public Library	.	.	1
Burlington, Vt., Public Library	.	.	1
Billings, G. M. (Milford Gazette)	.	.	
Chelsea Public Library	.	.	1
Clinton Public Library	.	.	1
Cook, Mayo T.	.	.	21
Cook & Sons (Milford Journal, Daily and Weekly)	.	.	

		Vol.	Pam.	Per
Draper, G. A.	.	1		
Draper, Gen. W. F. (Gov. Publications)	.	345	30	
Draper, Gen. W. F. (Geologic Atlas of U.S.)	27	Folios.		
Dutcher, F. J.	.	5		11
Dutcher, F. J. (Foundry)				
Everett Public Library	.	.	1	
Fall River Public Library	.	.	1	
Gardner, S.	.	1		
Grand Rapids (Mich.) Public Library	.		1	
Hopedale High School (The Viewpoint)	.			
Lancaster Public Library	.	.	1	
Lawrence Public Library	.	.	1	
Leahy Bros. (Daily News)	.	.		
Library Bureau	.	.		2
Lynn Public Library	.	.	1	
Malden Public Library	.	.	1	
Massachusetts Secretary of State	.	25	3	
Melrose Public Library	.	.	1	
Middleton Public Library	.	.	1	
Natick Public Library	.	.	1	
Newton Public Library	.	.	1	
New Bedford Public Library	.	.	1	
Paterson, N. J., Public Library	.	.	1	
Providence Public Library	.	.	1	
Shaker Community Library (The Manifesto)				
Southbridge Public Library	.	.	1	
Taunton Public Library	.	.	1	
U. S. Government	.	14		
Weymouth Public Library	.	.	1	
Wilcox, C. W.	.	1		
Willard, Mrs. George (Christian Alliance)	.			
Woburn Public Library	.	.	1	
Worcester Public Library	.	.	1	

LIST OF PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED.

[Those marked with an * are given.]

WEEKLIES.

American Architect and Building News.*	Illustrated London News.
American Gardening.	Milford Gazette.*
American Machinist.	Milford Journal.*
Electrical World.	New England Homestead.
Frank Leslie's Illustrated.	Official Gazette.*
Garden and Forest.	Publisher's Weekly.
Harper's Bazar.	Scientific American.
Harper's Round Table.	Scientific American Supplement.
Harper's Weekly.	Youth's Companion.
Illustrated American.	

MONTHLIES.

American Advocate of Peace.*	Foundry.*
Arena.	Harper's Magazine.
Art Interchange.	Industrial Record.
Atlantic.	Ladies' Home Journal.
Carpentry and Building.	McClure's Magazine.
Century.	Manifesto.*
Cosmopolitan.	Munsey's.
Demorest's.	New England Magazine.
Educational Review.	North American Review.
Engineering.	Review of Reviews.
Forum.	St. Nicholas.
Frank Leslie's Popular Magazine.	Scribner's.
	Textile Record.*

DAILIES.

Boston Globe.	Milford News.*
Boston Journal.	Woonsocket Reporter.
Milford Journal.*	

TOWN OF HOPE DALE.

